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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Inventors : Törmälä et al.  
Serial No. : 08/921,533  
Filing Date : September 2, 1997  
For : BIOACTIVE, AND BIODEGRADABLE  
COMPOSITES OF POLYMERS AND CERAMICS  
OR GLASSES AND METHOD TO  
MANUFACTURE SUCH COMPOSITES  
Examiner : Lakshmi S. Channavajjala  
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**PETITION FOR ONE-MONTH EXTENSION  
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) AND PAYMENT OF ASSOCIATED FEES**

SIR:

Applicants respectfully petition for a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the  
Official Action of April 11, 2000 for which a response period of July 11, 2000 was set. The extended  
period for response expires on August 11, 2000.

Please charge the \$55.00 extension fee under Rule 1.17(a) to Deposit Account No. 11-0600 of  
Kenyon & Kenyon, a small entity statement having been previously filed in the subject application.  
Should it be determined that any additional fee is required, please charge Deposit Account No. 11-0600.  
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Respectfully submitted,

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